

<b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/834,308	<b>Applicant(s)</b> ZAIDI, SALEEM H.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Brian L. Mutschler	<b>Art Unit</b> 1753	

**All Participants:**

 (1) Brian L. Mutschler.

 (2) Samuel Freund.
**Status of Application: After Final**

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**Date of Interview:** 11 March 2004
**Time:** 2:30pm
**Type of Interview:**

- ☒ Telephonic  
☐ Video Conference  
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

 Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

**Part I.**

Rejection(s) discussed:

*n/a*

Claims discussed:

*all pending*

Prior art documents discussed:

*US 4,419,533 (Czubatyj)*
**Part II.**

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

*See Continuation Sheet*
**Part III.**

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.  
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: To distinguish the instant claims over the prior art, it was suggested that the independent claims be amended to clarify how the light propagates closer to the light incident surface of the device. Specifically, incorporating limitations based on the teachings of section 9 of the specification would distinguish the instant claims over the prior art of record by specifying that a majority of incident light is coupled into diffraction orders propagating at an angle greater than 42 degrees. As disclosed on page 15, enhanced absorption can be achieved by coupling maximum energy into diffraction orders propagating at large angles.